COURSE CALENDAR

This calendar is subject to revision at the instructor’s discretion. Reading and homework are due at the beginning of class on the date for which the reading or assignment appears on the calendar.

UNIT 1: APPROACHING THE STUDY OF RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES

9/6: Orientation to the Course: Participants, Instructor, Purpose, Content, Format
Why the Academic Study of Religion in the Curriculum at PLU?
What is the Academic Study of Religion in the United States?

9/8: Orientation to the Course: Critical Reading, Active Questioning, and Key Concepts in Thinking Historically About Religion
Reading: Read Syllabus
Due: Two pages: decisions/choices in the syllabus; the syllabus and your thinking about the study of religion

Reading: Jon Butler (JB), 7-8, 11-29

Reading: Brett Carroll (BC), 10-16
Due: One page: What is Carroll’s definition of religion? What are its constituent elements?

9/15: Test 1

UNIT 2: EUROPEAN CHRISTIANITIES ENTER THE AMERICAS AND ENCOUNTER ITS PEOPLES

9/18: French and Spanish European Christianity Encounters Native Traditions: Religious Systems, Context, and Change; Catholics in the Americas
Reading: BC, 22-29
Due: Attendance at Martin Marty lecture, “Global Christian Energies Move South” – 7:30pm, CK

9/20: English Protestant Christianity Arrives in North America:
Reading: JB, 31-51; BC 30-37

9/22: English Protestant Christianity – Puritan Theology: Document Laboratory 1
Reading: John Winthrop, “Model of Christian Charity” (to be distributed TBD)

9/25: English Protestant Christianity – Other British Protestant Families
Reading: BC 38-45

9/27: Continental Protestants, Catholics, Jews
Reading: JB, 53-73; BC, 46-55

9/29: Reading Day – no class session
10/2: Document Lab 2: Religious Change in North America  
**Reading:** John Winthrop, “Model of Christian Charity”; Jonas Michaelius, “Letter”; Lutherans in New Netherlands, “Petition” (TBD)

10/4: A Contemporary Perspective: Are We the Children of Puritans?  
**Reading:** Amanda Porterfield, “The Puritan Legacy in American Religion and Culture” (electronic reserve)

10/6: Test 2

**UNIT 3: FROM EUROPEAN COLONIES TO AMERICAN REPUBLIC**

10/9: The Great Awakening: Reviving Religion in North America  
**Reading:** JB, 97-119; BC 56-59

**Reading:** see 10/9 and documents from George Whitefield and Timothy Cutler


10/16: Religion and the American Revolution:  
**Reading:** JB, 121-141

**Reading:** Hudson and Corrigan, 110-130 (tbd)

10/20: Mid-semester break – no class

**UNIT 4: RELIGION IN 19th AND EARLY 20th CENTURY NORTH AMERICA—EXPANDING VOLUNTARISM AND PLURALISM**

10/23: The Second Great Awakening: Social, Cultural, Religious Change and the Emergence of “Evangelical Protestantism”  
**Reading:** BC, 60-69; autobiography of Rev. Peter Cartwright (electronic reserve)

**Reading:** Charles Grandison Finney on revivals; voluntary associations, women in revivals (tbd)


10/30: Insiders and Outsiders: Locating Communities and Selves in a Pluralistic and Voluntaristic Religious Context  
**Reading:** R. Laurence Moore, “Insiders and Outsiders in American Historical Narrative and American History” (electronic reserve)

11/1: African American Religion in the 19th Century: Christianity as Source of Oppression and Resistance  
**Reading:** “’Believer I Know’ The Emergence of African American Christianity”; and “The
Life and Religious Experience of Jarena Lee” (electronic reserve)

11/3: African American Religion in the 19th Century: Christianity as Source of Oppression and Resistance  
**Reading:** Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave (FD)

**Reading:** (FD)

11/8: American-Born ‘Outsiders’: Example -- The Origins of the Latter-Day Saints  
**Reading:** Jan Shipps “The Story of a New Religious Tradition” (electronic reserve)

11/10: Expanding Knowledge and Stresses in American Protestantism: The Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy Document Lab 5  
**Reading:** Harry Emerson Fosdick and J. Gresham Machen (tbd)

**Reading:** BC, 116-119; Aimee Semple McPherson, “Girlhood and Salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit” (electronic reserve)

11/15: Presentations

11/17, 11/20: Writing Days

11/22: Course Paper due by noon in Admin 103

11/24: Thanksgiving Break

11/27: Presentations

11/29: Presentations

12/1: Cultural and Religious Diversity in America Religion Today  
**Reading:** Diana L. Eck, “Frontiers of Encounter: The Meeting of East and West in America Since the 1893 World’s Parliament of Religions” (electronic reserve); William R. Hutchinson, “Diversity and the Pluralist Ideal” (electronic reserve)

12/4: Cultural and Religious Diversity in America Religion Today: Religion and a Civil Order  
**Reading:** Nancy T. Ammerman, “Golden Rule Christianity: Lived Religion in the American Mainstream” (electronic reserve); Mark Noll, “What is Evangelicalism” (electronic reserve)

12/6: Cultural and Religious Diversity in America Religion Today: Hospitality as a Moral Challenge  
**Reading:** Martin E. Marty, “The Risk of Hospitality” (electronic reserve)

12/8: Closure and Assessment

12/12: 8:00am Final Exam